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HOT PIES



unknown sauces

DON'T BE A HORE

It appears a quick thinking committee member has prevented serial pest Peter Hore from sabotaging Victoria Parks' Farewell game. Unknown Sauces can reveal that Hore wore a disguise to resemble Lou Richards and made it into the Collingwood Social Club. His plans to disrupt the half-time wedding ceremony were intended as a protest against illiteracy, teen pregnancy, cruelty to animals, mandatory castration and third world debt. An alert committee member raised the alarm when she noticed Hore painting slogans over his naked body in the third floor Social Club toilets. The public relations department chose to avoid any adverse publicity and dealt with the matter 'in-house' in the Social Club keg room.



Lou Richards: implicated in Serial Pest Peter Hore's attempted sabotage of the Vic Park Farewell match.

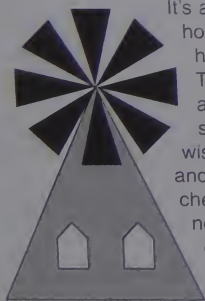


DOCKLANDS, SCHMOCKLANDS #4

Docklands authority have launched yet another bid to lure Collingwood as a tenant of Colonial Stadium. In the latest round of offerings the club has been offered a range of concessions attempting to 'Collingwood-ify' the state-of-the-art stadium. These included lining the entrances of the toilets with barbed wire, moving the portable seating at the southern end and replacing it with gravel, cutting off hot water supplies to rival team rooms and removing all dress code and behaviour standards. Says one unknown Collingwood source: "As long as they insist on supplying those dodgy AFL pies we will never have a deal."



RUMOUR MILL



It's a good thing to have a hot body. It's a bad thing to have hot fingers as well. These two forces came to a head over the off-season. Unknown Sauces wish to remind supporters and Club officials that cheating and stealing are not only wrong but also embarrassing. Best leave those kind of things for interstate trips.

USELESS STATS

Last game at Vic Park

- 80,000 – the number of people who will claim they were there.
- 300 – the number of tonnes of Vic Park turf excavated for marketing purposes.
- 30,000 – the number of people inspired to jump the fence after Shawry's speech.
- 30,000 – the number of drinks it felt Hot Pies felt like it had consumed.
- 10,000 – the amount of dollars that bloke scored from bagging a couple of goals at the Sherrin Stand end.
- 500,000 – the number of cringes experienced during the half-time wedding.
- 43 – if we'd only kicked this many more points the day would have been perfect.
- 1 – The draft pick we got as consolation prize.

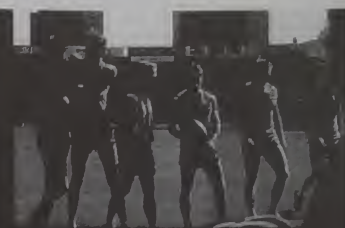


MORE BANG FOR YOUR BUCK

Social Club members who are critical of receiving less bang for their membership buck are reminded that their social club membership entitles them to a 10 per cent discount at "Ladies for Gentlemen" on Punt Rd. Keep punchin' Pie fans.



EXCLUSIVE PICS OF REVOLTING PLAYERS



Mark Kinnear: Your Momma, Fraser. Josh Fraser: Shut up or I'll smack you in the far, Kinnear.



MK: I'm picking you Number One pick boy. JF: I think your days are numbered, Pal. Bucks: Hey, hey.



Bucks: Hey, hey. Listen here, Kinnear. The only picking that goes on around here is the undies from our cracks. Goddit?



MK: Well, I'm picking you now Bucky Beaver Boy. Bucks: That's it, get security.



The Mad Mick

Turning finger pointing into an artform.

MEMO:

INTERNET PROJECT MANAGER

I understand economies of scale achieved in using common templates hence were not surprised to see both Hawthorn and (unforgivably) Carlton's web site looking very similar to our great new site. I certainly hope that Steve Vizard (and I am outraged that his ugly mug pops up incessantly on the front page) considered this when billing the Club. I'd recommend pushing the pricing barrow even further considering the word "Carlton" appears so regularly in the source code on our site. After putting up with a website that was seriously second-rate and was not updated for more than six months we end up with a second-hand website from one of our arch-enemies. If you're embarrassed email the "Webmaster" and complain, demand regular updates and ask how much Vizard charged the Club and how much he is paying for his annoying ad. Looks like it's back to VoyeurDorm.com for me.

VIC PARK DEVELOPMENT

The silence has been deafening from CFC HQ on the future of the Jock McHale Stadium. I'm not suggesting for a minute that Eddie & Co restart lobbying to stage AFL games there. However, wouldn't it be great if the Club took a pro-active step and established the beloved turf as a major VFL venue. The local business and residential community could be embraced and the Club could find itself with a strong local support not seen for years. Given the continuous development of the area (check out the half-million dollar apartments in the Walker Corporation building) astute developers could soon find a multi-purpose sports venue an attractive feature. If the Club doesn't set its strategy in place soon the Council may find it very tempting to bulldoze the ground and whack up some apartments.

As we Pie fans prepare for the 2000 season it seems timely to honestly sit back and reflect upon the prospects for our boys in the upcoming season.

With due consideration to all the major factors it appears certain that we are destined for much bigger and better things this year.

Whilst this sounds like an ideal situation I must warn you that success comes at a price. Many traps lay in store when overnight success evolves.

For instance, be prepared to be both vigilant and patient as obtaining finals tickets becomes the only facet of your existence in August.

In May being humble and gracious in victory will be a challenge many of us will have to contend with.

But of true concern to me is how much more I would love the Pies if they start winning. I have a short memory, but it seems a long time since we dominated the competition. As this prospect becomes a reality in the coming months I wonder how much more I could love Collingwood.

Last year we finished last and yet I'm as proud of the boys as I have ever been. I managed a season personal best last year, 16 games attended and watched every interstate game live. Even though we only won four games last year they were four of the sweetest victories I can remember.

When we start 'sticking it' to every other team in the comp I have genuine concern about my abilities to handle reality in a calm and rational way.

As we all know, the fortunes of our team has a pervasive effect upon one's life as whole. When the Pies have a good year, I have a good year, and I haven't been out of debt since 1990.

So as we begin the roller coaster season of 2000 I advise we put our collective seatbelts on now, because with the heights we're expecting to reach, we gonna get dizzy.

Eddietorial

Mighty Mick

COLLINGWOOD V CARLTON, EASTER 1994

Sun was shining – stands were full
What a mob these teams can pull
Just the place you'd wanna be
Easter Monday at the "G"

Said our last farewell to Daics
A legend's gone but they're the breaks
Here & Now's what really counts
Fans wait for that centre bounce

We face the Blues – the age old foe
It won't be easy, this we know
Who would choose to vacate this town
When a game like this is going down

And then a moment caught in time
A magic moment, so sublime
A feat so stunning and so rare
And geez I'm rapt cos I was there

Seven bounces – Mick McGuane
He ran – he just went on and on
He goaled of course, it had to be
That Easter Monday at the "G"



Mrs Ando

letters



Play it again Eddie VFL Park has proved over the last couple of weeks that it's not impossible to bring football stadiums back from the dead. With this in mind Victoria Park should be resurrected. In an era of boutique sporting events I do not see why Victoria Park cannot host a once yearly celebration game, and reserve it purely for Carlton matches. It appears catering to supporters requirements and providing a venue that can accommodate all the supporters who want to go are no longer considerations for the AFL, otherwise they wouldn't be forcing us to play at Optus Orifice.

A. Klitis
Beaumaris

Dear Hot Pies,
Some time last year you raised the subject of Essendon supporters coming to watch Collingwood games. I've been doing some thinking and I've noticed some more odd things about Essendon supporters. I can still remember when we were winning games and the MCG was packed every week, these days we aren't winning and it's pretty easy to get a spot. I've wondered where all those supporters have gone and now the answer is obvious. They've become Essendon supporters. Why else do they keep putting Essendon membership ads on the telly whenever we play. Why else do Essendon membership figures

go up when we're losing, and why else would so many Essendon supporters come to watch our games. God knows you couldn't pay me to see Longy and the girls if there wasn't any black and white around. What I'm struggling with is whether we should accept these theatre going bandwagoners back into the fold when we make the finals later this year. MMMmmmm, I think not.

Andrew Broadbridge
Deer Park

Dear Hot Pies,
I thought it was only Collingwood who felt sorry for Essendon, St. Kilda and Hawthorn supporters, but it appears that feeling spreads to the top as well. The AFL are subsidising their membership campaigns as compensation for evicting them from their home ground. The sharp edge of ground rationalisation might scar their sensitive skins so the AFL have provided millions of dollars to cushion the blow. I'm sorry but aren't Collingwood also victims of an imposed ground rationalisation policy. The social consequences of this policy will effect generations of Collingwood supporters yet to be born. Where's the money Collo? Where's the compensation Wayne? I'll tell you where it is. Stuck up their tight budgets. It's a fact that Collingwood has subsidised the competition for years and whilst they get

calloused fingers from handing money over to Brisbane, Sydney and Freo the club that built the league has to cop everything sweet. It's just not fair.

Jim Mykonos
Altona Meadows

Dear Hot Pies,
Collingwood fans have all sorts of reputations. Being a few rows short of a grandstand is one of them and it's no wonder when our own Board seem to believe it. Why else would they think we were stupid enough to swallow the scheduling of an Annual General Meeting due to report massive financial losses (and one therefore may assume, ineptitude) in the week before Christmas. Then if that wasn't enough of a diversion they decide to send out press releases on the same day announcing the resigning of Bucks for the next few years. If Eddie and pals are serious about having open books and managing the Club in a transparent, professional and responsible manner then is this the way they intend to go about it. Amateurish attempts at spin-doctoring and treating members with contempt is the same old sad culture that we've had to put up with for years.

Amanda Bunn
Springvale

Dear Hot Pies

I am bemused at the Club's decision to yet again ignore the grass roots supporters. While we watch jealously as Club's like Hawthorn hold not one but two (free entry plus free snags!) fully interactive family days at its new home, the MCG, our brains trust serves up the same tired old crap it's dished out for the past ten years. Instead of facilitating our move to the MCG and creating a sense of home ground the Club has decided to wheel the circus tent onto the Jocklands again. In a bizarre marketing approach they are attempting to turn supporters into members by slugging them an entry fee. For the small change

they'll make it will do more damage in public relations. One could ask whether some smart direct marketing to sponsors may have been a more profitable move. You know, leverage a much bigger day at the MCG, free to all Pies fans with sponsor's giveaways. Who knows? Maybe the Club could attract thousands more than the absolute die-hards it only attracts now. Imagine 15-20,000 Magpie fans packed into the Great Southern Stand cheering as the players are presented their guernseys. Imagine a day when all supporters, coteries, past players, sponsors, coaches, officials stand united behind the team. Imagine how

much it would do for the players' confidence. Imagine what a sense of Club it would invoke among supporters. Imagine how much it would make fringe supporters re-think taking a membership. Imagine the "wow" factor on kids still unsure whom they'll support for the next 50 years. Imagine the opportunities created for sponsors to direct market. Imagine feeling like you belonged to a real footy Club. Imagine the Magpie Army living up to its potential.

Well Pissed-off
Preston

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squeezing the juice from Micky



You knew him as a mongrel at Richmond.
An ego maniac at Footscray, and the evil genius at
West Coast. He's a man we've all loved to hate,
but would now love to love. In an interview that
was so hard to get we couldn't get it,
Hot Pies didn't speak to our new coach.

HOT PIES: Mr. Malthouse, or can I call you Mick, welcome to Collingwood.

MR MALTHOUSE: Thank you and I'd prefer it if you called me Mr. Malthouse. Surely you know how I feel about discipline.

HP: You've built a football reputation on tough defences, do you have a defensive personality?

MM: Do not, do not, do not, you are ten times more defensive than me.

HP: There was a lot of speculation about your arrival prior to the announcement, can you guide me through that period?

MM: Eddie first raised the idea at that well-publicised breakfast we had in Perth. I must say I was very impressed by the passion he showed for the club and the concept.

HP: What do you mean by passion?

MM: Well it took two waiters ten minutes to

wrench his tongue from my ear and another two weeks for the hickey to go away. I was very impressed by that.

HP: Were there any other factors?

MM: Following that I had a look at the list and again I liked what I saw – a good blend of vibrant youth and mature types.

HP: So you think we have a few good players?

MM: No, I'm talking about the wine list at the breakfast you idiot and don't ever interrupt me again.

HP: Mr. Malthouse. It's been reported that family reasons were behind your having to leave West Coast, what's the story there?

MM: Oh that was just a media smoke screen, the real reason I had to leave Perth is medical. I developed a chronic allergy to haircare products, mousses, gels etc. Working with the likes of Ben Cousins



The allergies that ended an era

became an impossibility. I had to move to a club where there was less emphasis on grooming and hygiene. Geelong couldn't afford the cab fare so here I am.

HP: What do you think your biggest challenges are at Collingwood?

MM: Finding ways of spending all the money they're paying me, only joking . . . not really. No, I think the biggest challenge will be changing the mindset and getting a winning mentality amongst the group.

HP: Are you making any progress in that area?

MM: Oh for sure, I mean it's costing the club a fortune in prostitutes and Limo's, but they appear a lot more confident about themselves.

HP: Has it been difficult changing the old ways of doing things.

MM: Not at all. Their willingness to learn new things and accept change has been first rate. For example Mark Orchard can now eat his food using cutlery, Mark Richardson no longer touches himself in public and Patto has learnt French. Top stuff that and it's not only Collingwood that benefits but society as well.

HP: Is this interview symbolic of a new softer and sweeter Micky Malthouse here at Collingwood?

MM: Different? Different how, and don't call me Micky?

HP: You have a reputation for being difficult and uncooperative with the media, do you think this will change at

Collingwood?

MM: I have a reputation for being difficult and uncooperative with the media do I? . . . Who's said that? . . . C'mon . . . Where do you get this? . . . C'mon give me some names . . . Back it up pencil neck.

HP: Ummmmmm . . . Ahhhhhhhhhh . . . Ummmmmmmm . . .

MM: Exactly, you're making things up in an attempt to perpetuate a bullshit macho arrogant arsehole stereotype of me. No, I do not have a problem with the media, got it. What I do have a problem with is bonehead pseudo-journalists from god knows where who ask me stupid frickin questions all frickin day. Who did you say you were with again?

HP: Ummmm . . . Ahhhhhhhhhh . . . I can't let you go without getting a prediction for the year ahead.

MM: You know I'm not in the business of giving predictions, it's futile and dangerous. But here's one for you. I predict this interview will be over in ten seconds due to a dumbhead journo asking dumbhead questions. Goodbye.



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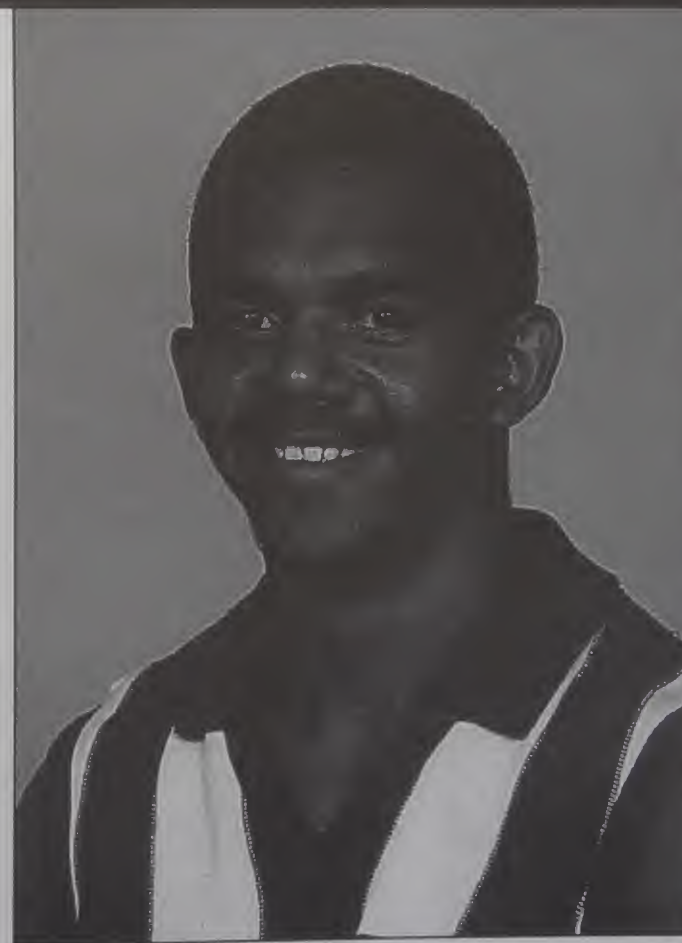


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HOT PIES

OFFICIAL PLAYER SUPPORTER

LEON DAVIS



He's fast, he's mean, he's a goalkicking machine. Keep track of Leon's progress in his debut year for the Pies. The Neon Leon Davis Page will be a regular feature in Hot Pies in 2000.

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FROM LITTLE THINGS BIG THINGS GROW

by Hotrod

here was a time, back before the past five years turned me into a cynical prick, when yours truly loved a Hollywood blockbuster. As the film credits rolled and the popcorn munching choc toppers headed off, I remained seated, focused on the words ahead.

It wasn't the bit-part actors I was interested in. I couldn't give a Beazley Rat's Howard if Cheech Marin played the barman or not! It was the stuntmen I craved and one in particular – Buddy Joe Hooker.

You see BJH was a kinda stuntman's stuntman. His name appeared in just about every second flick. I began telling friends about the mighty BJH. Some began watching for his name but others didn't give a stuff. They just wanted to see the movie and didn't give a Flying Sandra Sully who that iijit who got set on fire and fell from a twelve story building was.

That's fine. But for all you lovers of stuntmen & unsung heroes out there here's a rundown of the newbies wearing the Black & White this year:



'ROGAN' JOSH FRASER (#25)

Forget what Public Enemy told ya homies, DO BELIEVE THE HYPE!! The thin white duke has got it all. He is Prime Time material. He's 17 years of age & ready for centre stage. In the air or on the ground, his technique is 100% sound. Whilst the mouthpieces at Lulie Street are saying they wont rush him, Chris Grant kicked 50+ goals in his debut year as a 17 year old. Easily in our best 22. Whether rucking or as a forward it matters little. Rogan is in a class of his own.

NICK 'OLIVER' STONE (#32)

Like his Australian cinematic namesake Stone is a skin and bones production. Sadly, like 'Our House' you wont be seeing Rebecca Gilling's fuzzy bits either! They've used him in defence most often this preseason and as is the current trend with tallish players he does the odd bit of back pocket ruckwork. Development year.

DANNY 'THE COCK' ROACH (#39)

Our second pick (at #7) in the draft. The Cock looks to have quite a future. Like Stone he needs another year on the Mick Malthouse eight meals a day diet. However, what he has got bodywise is very solid. He improves with each training session. This fella has a very decent leap on him. May surprise with a senior game should the wheels fall off our season early.

'STUNNING' STEVE McKEE (#12)

Farts like a butterfly, stinks like a brie. McKee is a little short for a number one ruckman. Which is a pity coz with Monkey gone he's now our number one ruckman! He is more in the mould of a follower which should prove handy around the ground. Which is good coz we're more than likely to get slaughtered at the centre bounces!

SHANE 'CHEESEY' O'BREE (#11)

Two cheese references in a row! That's gotta be a football record!! Cheeseey will getta game easy. This accomplished midfielder has looked every bit the senior player all summer long. Thankfully he seems blessed with the ability to create enough time for himself when in possession of the ball to actually look where he's kicking it! Provided this ability doesn't totally unsettle our forwards he'll be a great asset!



MICHAEL CLARK (#29)

Unlike the former #1 Hoop, this guy's best is all before him. His preseason has been spent primarily in defence. Two knee reco's curtailed his Freo career (Is it possible to have a career at the Dorkers?) but it hasn't curbed his ferocity. He is tough as nails. I once saw him crash head-first into the hording around Vicky Park & it was the fence that got up rubbing its bonce! Look for him to possibly be a third tall/markng defender option. Depth.

RHYCE SHAW (#22)

The son of a gun hates a run. He played a few reserves games last year and has been hanging out on a wing this year. His current Posh Spice like build is more than compensated by his pure football ability. Don't be in any doubt. He wont be getting a game JUST because his name is Shaw. The big question is can somebody down at the club convince him into growing a seventies porno mo like his old man!



DALE 'BAD NEWS' BAYNES (#38)

He already has ownership of a well put together body. Spent the preseason as a forward/full forward. He is a very strong mark. Sadly he looks too much like Aaron Hamill in white shorts. I mention this because my therapist has urged me

to talk through all my hang ups. He should boot a lot of goals in the rezzies this year. Still developing

SIMON HAWKING (#45)

The Hawk & PerryComo have been 'competing' for the full back job all summer long. Hawking is a strong fella – particularly upper body. Not blessed with pace, he's a run straight at it sort of player. Depth.

'NEON' LEON DAVIS (#40)

Quite simply will be one of the hottest names in football by season's end. He already has those in the know conducting the one handed orchestra. Rover/winger/forward - it matters little. HE IS THE MOST EXCITING PLAYER TO HIT THE BLACK & WHITE SCENE SINCE THE OTHER #35! Some close to MM rate him better than Matera. In effect we swapped Schauble for him. Just watching him will make going to the footy a joy.



BEN 'THE JUICE' JOHNSON (#31)

The Juice has snuck onto the scene unheralded. A solid midfielder who can defend & kick a goal when up forward. He appears to be a natural to the game & keeps getting better with each outing. A Collingwood supporter all his life he plays that old brand of tough "I don't care if you hit me, you're not getting the ball" everybody loves. A little Scott Burnish if you will. He will play a lot of senior footy this year. Just look for his angelic blonde hair.

SUPP LISTERS: DAMIEN LYON (#43) ANDREW DIMMATINA (#46) JEREMY SHARPEN (#37) LEIGH SHEAHAN (#47) For the record Buddy Joe Hooker sadly performed one stunt too many.



Stan the Man



I don't know about the rest of you Magpie punters out there but there is nothing that gets me hornier than a good old Collingwood win. Lose and there's just about zip that could get me up for a bit lerv-making (unless you're talking about a good Daics video) but a great win at Vic Park has got me so red-blooded that waiting to get home has, at times, not been an option let alone a possibility. So now that the hallowed arena has finally played its last match I thought it timely that I reveal my top ten Vic Park secret shaggin sites.



1. THE COACH'S BOX

Also a good spot to bring an inexperienced partner for a bit of horizontal folk dancing coaching. Situated on centre wing on top of the Rush Stand the Coach's box is one of my favourites.

You can almost taste the passion that has existed in the small confines of this humble prefab. It reminds me a lot of Paris with its romantic sunset views over the city and the Social Club and it is obviously a popular spot with like-minded folks as the multitude of leftover french-rubbers usually attests to. Small plastic chairs and the open window offer opportunities for making those strategic positional changes.



2. ROW 22 SHERRIN STAND

Similarly a popular spot with horny Maggie fans as one can usually find a spare blanket or even a pillow on the odd occasion. This is needed to counter-balance the old splintered wooden pews which can quickly put a dampener on rising passions. Take extra care. A quick trip to the merchandise shop to buy one of those little padded seats with the Collingwood logo on them wouldn't be a bad idea. They're plastic too so they simply wipe clean.



3. THE SCOREBOARD



Usually the spot I come after a big pre-season and I feel like playing the full four quarters. This way I can keep score and admire my night's

handiwork after I leave. Quite cramped and musty but one can relieve the stuffiness by opening up the panel where the visitor's score sits as I usually don't find much opposition scoring. The bit where they have the race results is handy for recording who came first, second and in some cases, third, fourth, fifth and sixth.

4. BEER/4'N'20 CARAVAN

It's a bit like the back of a Panny or your folks beach caravan in winter. There's something about getting the whole joint rockin' that gets that earth-moving feeling. I find the ladies don't

appreciate the aroma of the beer caravan nearly as much as myself so I usually compromise and go the Four'n'Twenty van and turn the pie warmer on high for a bit of sweaty action. Excellent on windy nights or in thunderstorms.



The time clock can come in handy for resolving those premature ejaculation issues.

5. THE YARRA FALLS END NET

I must admit I've only done this once. Degree of difficulty was very high but for thrill-seeking value it was almost unsurpassable. If you've ever tried a bit of hanky panky in a hammock then you know what I'm talking about but only on a much smaller scale. Not what I'd call safe-sex.



"Anyone for a little hanky panky in my giant hammock?"

6. THE BOARD ROOM TABLE

The corridors of power where history has been made and where heroes are anointed. The sleek polished wood. The pictures of the Greats on the wall. If these things don't get you in the mood then nothing will. Look for the notches under the

table up the window end – they're mine. The ones up the other end with the initials JM are anybody's guess but he was obviously a busy boy. I highly recommend taking some bubbly to toast the occasion.

7. THE ADMIN BUILDING LIFT

There's only three floors so you've got to be quick. Get the movie Class out on video before attempting this one.

8. LULIE STREET

When all the gates are locked but you still want to be near your loved one (Vic Park that is).



9. CORPORATE BOXES

So many to choose from. I usually go for the small to mid-size companies that are looking for that extra bit of exposure out of their Collingwood sponsorship – only I think that's probably not the kind of exposure they were looking for. Offers privacy.

10. THE PLAYER'S SPA

My mates reckon that this may not be the most hygienic of places going around but I reckon what could be more clean than a bath. This place is quite difficult to get access to and I must admit I've never done it here. But the thought of getting nude where all the great champs of yesteryear have been nude before me gives me tingles all over

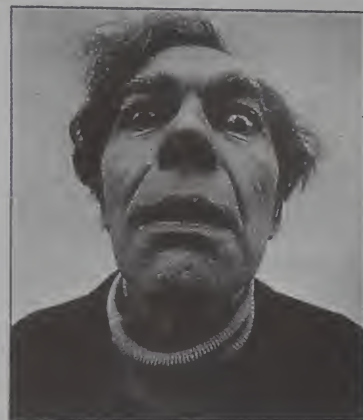


The Board Table: The missus usually likes a few of my mates to come around and watch.

Tarot Nostrildamus'

Prophecies 2000

Mick Malthouse won't make any predictions about the year ahead, but I will.



ADELAIDE

Under new coach Gary Ayres we can expect to see a return to the foot burning antics that made Cornsey so much fun. The out of work Adriana Xenedis will take up an honorary position as sports psychologist. Ladder Position 12th.

BRISBANE:

Their vast improvement of last season will come to a dramatic halt as Gubby Allen exerts more influence at this McFootball franchise. Ladder Position 13th

NORTH MELBOURNE:

The reigning premiers will struggle as the gimmick that is 'Pagans Paddock' is exposed for the shallow one dimensional game plan that it is. Wayne's chronic media exposure will create massive distraction to the rest of the squad especially when Baywatch come to film an episode at Arden St. Ladder position 9th

SYDNEY:

No Plugger and an out of action captain will lead to record hair loss for Rocket Rodney. Warwick Capper will be redrafted under the veteran list and top the club goal-kicking tally with 17. Ladder position 15th.

FREO:

(Sung to the tune of the Footy Show)

More of the same . . . More of the same. There'll be no glory or fame, . . . but more of the same. Ladder Position 16th

ESSENDON:

We shouldn't have to wait too long for our traditional season highlight, watching James Hird break down. As usual Essendon will keep him on their list and deliver full pay for no work. Ladder Position 11th

GEELONG:

Success at Geelong will be measured by what percentage of their pay packet players are likely to receive. Ten cents in the dollar is the figure most popular with the punters at this stage. Ladder Position 17th.

MELBOURNE:

Smokin Joe Gutnick will increase his control over the club and this will translate on to the field. The club will forfeit all it's Saturday games on religious grounds and involve the AFL in an ugly religious discrimination case for match points. Gutnik 1, AFL nil. Ladder Position 9th.

HAWTHORN:

The Fish will stink under the heat of an early season start and Shane Crawford will have to retire due to a cancer scare caused by excessive solarium exposure. Ladder Position 18th.

FOOTSCRAY:

It's going to be tough and hard for Terry Wallace as he struggles to accept the axing of Talking Footy. All round nice guy Chris Grant will create headlines when he eye gouges Libba on a wintry Western Oval training night. Ladder Position 10th

RICHMOND:

Now that the Geish has been completely unleashed that 50% win-loss ratio of yesteryear



tarot reckons we can expect a return to the glory days of the late '70's.

will be remembered as the the good old days. Spuds haircolour will fade with every defeat. By the end of the season people will be mistaking him for American actor John Forsythe. Ladder Position 20th.

PORT ADELAIDE:

Sanity finally prevails at Jolimont as league officials discover that the team expansion concept has been an abject failure and decide to boot Port Adelaide back to the SANFL. Mark Williams will get involved in a public and bitter row with his football manager over a 'he said she said,' type of thing. Ladder Position Evicted from competition.

WEST COAST:

Mid-way through this season Ken Judge will be sacked as West Coast administrators realise they've hired Ken Judge and not Judge Judy as they continue to believe. Their softness at the ball could only be matched by pouring a bottle of hair conditioner down your pants. Ladder Position 14th.

CARLTON:

They may THINK that they are the best in the business, but Carlton will be mortally wounded when the arse falls out of the stock market later this year. In a selling purge of their senior ranks Craig Bradley will make headlines when no other team shows interest in drafting the washed up old hack. Ladder Position 17th.

ST KILDA:

While they start the season in a winning fashion, the club will be crippled by chronic cold and flu trouble. A post season enquiry will reveal Monky's mis-maintenance of the showers to be the blame. Ladder Position 11th.

COLLINGWOOD:

With ladder positions 1-8 left vacant Collingwood seem assured to make the eight for the first time in seven years. Considering we've been present in Grand Finals 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990 it only seems fitting that we reappear this year. The numerology approach is reinforced when you consider that the last time we won the wooden spoon and got a new coach (1976) we went on to make the granny. Ladder Position 2nd.

THE FOOTY ZOO



bulldogus incarcerated: DUE TO A FLIMSY ALIBI HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO GO TO A GAME FOR TEN YEARS (EIGHT WITH GOOD BEHAVIOUR!). IF THE DOGS PLAYED HOME GAMES AT PORT PHILLIP PRISON THEY'D ACTUALLY HAVE THEIR FIRST SELL-OUT!

the playing list



2	Mark Orchard	02/04/76	172cm	72kg	68games
3	Mark Richardson	31/10/72	193	93	101
5	Nathan Buckley	26/07/72	186	91	142
6	Stephen Patterson	04/01/71	175	72	95
7	Michael Gardiner	22/03/78	197	92	1
8	Ricky Olarenschaw	01/02/73	182	80	82
9	Glenn Freeborn	06/02/73	180	77	77
10	Paul Williams	03/04/73	177	81	168
11	Shane O'Bree	/79	183	80	19
12	Steve McKee	/78	198	97	20
13	Craig Jacotine	21/06/80	177	76	14
14	Shane Watson	17/02/74	185	80	133
15	Bradley Smith	07/07/77	201	102	0
16	James Wasley	19/07/79	183	78	13
17	Scott Burns	23/12/74	178	75	85
18	Paul Licuria	07/02/73	197	97	23
19	Nick Davis	30/03/80	182	76	5
20	Chris Tarrant	18/12/80	191	82	24
21	Brent Tuckey	27/08/79	191	83	10
22	Rhyce Shaw	/71	181	69	0
23	Anthony Rocca	15/08/77	193	102	78
24	Tarkyn Lockyer	30/10/77	176	76	15
25	Josh Fraser	1972	202	88	0
26	Gavin Brown	25/09/67	183	84	239
27	Andrew Ukovic	23/11/78	187	75	19
28	Gavin Crossisca	15/09/68	188	89	242
29	Michael Clark	31/3/78	192	86	1
30	Ben Kinnear	27/02/79	192	88	12
31	Ben Johnson	5/4/81	180	79	0
33	Tyson Lane	25/08/76	179	84	39
34	Brad Osborne	19/06/80	183	72	4
35	Simon Prestigiaco	31/01/78	189	86	48
36	Saverio Rocca	20/11/73	194	106	144
37	Jeremey Sharpen (rookie)	22/3/76	194	90	0
38	Dale Baynes	29/11/80	189	92	0
32	Nick Stone	1/10/81	191	88	0
39	Danny Roach	6/1/82	187	78	0
40	Leon Davis	17/6/81	178	70	0
41	Damien Adkins	9/03/81	178	66	0
43	Damien Lyon (rookie)	24/6/81	183	84	0
44	Heath Scotland	21/07/80	181	76	12
45	Simon Hawking	5/3/73	192	88	60
47	Leigh Sheeehan (rookie)	28/1/81	178	74	0
48	Mal Michael	24/06/77	189	94	46
49	Rupert Betheras	23/11/75	181	86	16



The Off-Field Draft

"ONLY THE BEST FOR COLLINGWOOD"

Eddie has been pretty busy over the summer. Some decent recruiting on the field and 35 new appointments in the last 12 months. Here we take a look at a couple of main ones.

MICHAEL MALTHOUSE

Coach: West Coast Eagles, Footscray
Player: Richmond, St Kilda

We all applaud the appointment of Mr Malthouse and trust him with the future of our Club. Drafted under Eduardo's mantra of Only the Best for Collingwood. Also added satisfaction of beating Richmond to the punch. Has added Flag success with the Tigers in '80 and with the Eagles in '92 and '94.

MICHAEL BROADBRIDGE

Coach: West Australian State Under-18s
Player: Swan Districts, East Fremantle 150 games
If Mr Malthouse says he's good we won't argue. Captained Swan Districts and played one game of senior footy for the Sandgropers. Retired early due to wonky knee.

BRADLEY GOTCH

Coach: Prahran Dragons, Springvale
Player: St Kilda, Fitzroy 96 games
Refer comments re Mr Broadbridge. Pint-sized battler but brings with him Premiership success from both Springvale and Prahran.

ROBERT PYMAN

Player: Collingwood Reserves, SA-FM
The Club has been keen on this recruit for a number of years due to the endless play on words surrounding his name. Will play as Communications Manager, a position new to the Club's playbook. So far it seems to involve sending press releases (a lot of faxing we'd imagine) and a heaps of vehement denials. On paper appears to be Only the Best for Collingwood (as long as they are former footballers).



"Blah, blah, blah, the Club has no comment to make."

DAVID EMMERSON

Collingwood Cricket Club, VCA
Recruited obviously because of his vast knowledge of Victoria Park. Expected to play as Marketing Manager. The Club has stuck to its credo in seeking Only the Best for Collingwood (as long as they are former sportsmen of some type). Comes across after a long innings as Marketing guru at the VCA. Expected to take the Club into the same giddy heights Shield cricket has

enjoyed over the last few years. Hot Pies believes Eddie's onto a real winner here. Reduce the crowds at Collingwood games to Shield size and there won't be any chance of Pies fans being locked out. Marketing acumen seen in abundance at recent Family Day operating that Scott-No-Mates cricket catching machine.



"Blah, blah, blah, supporters will have to be patient"

GREGG SWANN

Player: Williamstown
President: Williamstown
Traded for John May in the August Exec draft, Swann comes to Collingwood with a reputation for dragging under-performing football clubs into the 1980s. It was his genius that discovered that poker machines could raise extra revenue for footy clubs. With a head for numbers and a body for sin Swannie promises to bring the concept of counting into the accounts department.



"Blah, blah, blah, it's a very exciting opportunity for the Club."



Club officials putting into practice some of their recent media training

In December's issue of In Black & White Greg Swann was quoted as saying: "This year of course we finished bottom so (profit/loss) will be pretty much line ball but the signs for next year are good." A couple of days before Christmas he announced that Collingwood recorded a loss of one million dollars. Line ball, nyuk, nyuk, nyuk.

Tarrant's



Top End Tours

The ultimate surfing and fishing getaway adventure



Enjoy Australia's beautiful top end the way it's meant to be, from the back of a 1958 FJ Panelvan. Escape the grind of high-paid Melbourne living as you fish and surf your way from one barbecue meal to the next. Tour departs in November and finishes when the beer runs out.

HURRY! - ONLY TWO SPOTS AVAILABLE

Harvey Wallbanger Travel

The Travel Amateurs

Free dental care for life ... thanks Pies

A word of advice: it's a bad idea to tell your dentist that you're a Collingwood supporter the moment before he turns on his tiny drill. I foolishly made this mistake in January.

There I was uncomfortably reclined with a paper towel on my chest, a bright light shining in my face and an Essendon supporter poised with a needle.

"The Pies, hey," says my dentist. "Well judging by that Millennium match, you don't have much to look forward to this year, do you?"

It was a rhetorical question. By this stage, he had my mouth full of dental torture implements and every sound I uttered made me sound like a Mont Park resident with a severe speech impediment.

For the next half hour, I suffered my personal Auschwitz. He retarded my tongue and drilled away at my molar's hyper-sensitive nerve endings, as he continued to attack the Pies mercilessly.

I tried mounting a counter attack as the dental nurse instructed me to wash, but this just allowed a fountain of saliva and amalgam to piss out of my numbed mouth.

To add insult to pain, the bastard sent me away with a \$225 bill. I began plotting revenge immediately.

Originally I was thinking sabotage or molotov cocktails, but I mellowed. Now, I'd just be happy never to pay one of his bills again. In fact, I want free dental care from the bastard for the rest of my life and I've figured out a way - Sportsbet.



All the important statistics make the Pies a safe bet and we'll never, ever get these odds again. On February 8, the Norm Short Sportsbook was offering the following return for a year

2000 investment in the Pies.

67/1 for the premiership.
(Maybe not this year.)

8/1 for a top four finish.
(A distinct possibility.)

4/1 for a finals berth.
(A dead cert.)

Don't wait; invest now. These odds will plummet in a few weeks when the Pies have won three on the trot and Leon Davis is bolting down the wing towards the Norwich Rising Star Award.

Consider the facts - this is a once-in-a-lifetime gift from Melbourne's bookies.

I reckon last year's wooden spoon is a good luck charm. Following the debacle of the 1976 season (the only other time Collingwood has received the wooden spoon) the team climbed back up the ladder to finish second. Under the tutelage of new coach Tom Hafey, the Pies missed out on the 1977 premiership by a measly point.

The form of recent wooden spoons prove that finishing last aint all bad. Melbourne in '97 and Brisbane in '98 both changed coaches and became powerhouse finals-contenders the following year.

More importantly, Malthouse doesn't know what it feels like to miss out on finals football. In his decade at the helm of the Weagles, they didn't miss the finals once.

My advice is to get on the Pies early and treat it as an each-way bet. Put a little on the premiership win, a decent amount on the top four finish and a shit-load on them making the finals.

We can all be heading down to the bank in August with a hefty Sportsbet cheque. I'm going to use mine to open a new bank account - I'll call it "Magpie 2000 Dental Fund".

Paul O'Farrell



A Punter's Guide to Memberships

I'd much prefer my money to be fritted away by dubious Club decision-making, rather than AFL goons who want to take bizzo out of the game. That's why I am a member of the Collingwood Football Club. If you struggle with instruction manuals of any type I'm sure you've found the glossy membership brochure difficult to understand. So to assist those of us considering the most important financial decision of each year, our club membership, Hot Pies provides this membership guide to help you through. To make it even easier we've compared membership packages to something even the most simple of us can understand, food.

The Meat Pie

ADULT 11

Cost: \$115.

Just like a meat Pie it's simple and basic and if you're hungry it will do. A simplified name for it could be "11 games for the price of eight and a bit". An essential for Dole bludgers, students and people with tight arses. If you want sauce with that and want to reserve a seat for the year you're looking at another \$90.

Meat Pie with chips

ADULT 16

Cost: \$170.

It's a pie with just that little bit extra that makes it all worthwhile. Again they should have just called it "16 games for the price of twelve and a bit". Suitable for those who intend on seeing a maximum number of Collingwood victories this year. Again if you want sauce with that your looking at forking out another \$169 for a reserved seat.



The least you can do for your football appetite: the Pie & sauce membership.

Frog-in-a-pond

BUCKLEY'S BRIGADE

Cost \$65.

It's about time that the little tackers got a good deal and Buckleys brigade has got the goods. You get a cool cap, clinic action, an autographed toy footy, a puzzle book, Cheer-squad membership, certificates, bumperstickers, birthday cards, wallets and a chance to run on to the field with the boys before a game. I've entered myself in the hope of winning that one alone.

Chicken Parmigiana, with chips and salad

SOCIAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Cost \$255 (11 games), \$310 (22 games)

For taste and flavour you get can choose the Chicken Parmigiana or Social Club Membership. A tasty combination of game entry and segregation into Magpie only area's. Medallions, wallets, stickers, keyrings and that sort of stuff



that was a privilege money couldn't buy.

make up the chips, but it's the salad of guaranteed Grand Final Tickets and full voting rights that make it healthy and appealing. With this package once every year you can go home and honestly tell the missus, "Sorry I'm late but I had to stay back and have a beer with Eddie". And I thought

Peking Duck

LEGENDS MEMBERSHIP

Cost: \$495

For those of you with exotic tastes and a bit of cash to splash then the Legends Membership is for you. For \$95 you get prime reserve seating and entry to 16 games. Grand Final tickets, Social Club membership, a piss-up, stickers, wallets, key rings etc, but best of all you are in with a chance to win a day in the Coach's box. I would die a happy man to spend one match day in the inner sanctum of the Coach's box.



YEAR 2000 MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES

Legend's Membership

Adult 16	\$495
Concession 22	\$375
Junior	\$320

Captain's Membership

Adult 11	\$350
Concession 11	\$250
Junior	\$220

Social Club Memberships

Adult 16	\$310
Adult 11	\$255
Concession 11	\$205
Concession 22	\$230
Squadron	\$100
Family 11	\$640
Family 16	\$740
Country	\$150
*AFL Club Support	\$125
*MCC Member	\$125

Magpie Millennium Membership

Adult 16	\$3300
Adult 11	\$2800
Concession 11	\$2255
Concession 22	\$2595
Country	\$1190
Squadron	\$1150
AFL/MCC	\$1500

Buckley's Brigade

\$65

Season's Tickets

Adult 16	\$170
Adult 11	\$115
Concession 11	\$70
Concession 22	\$90
Squadron	\$35
Family 11	\$230
Family 16	\$340
Country/Interstate	\$65

Seats

11 Home Game Package	
undercover	\$110
open	\$90
16 game package	
undercover	\$179
open	\$169

Players Club

\$65

Baby Magpie Club

\$20

In Black & White (a top read!)

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4 editions \$24
(and great value!)

Puzzle Page



James Hird Word Puzzle

Unscramble these letters to find out what we think of James Hird.

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John Elliott's Dot to Dot

Whether it's business or football it pays to make the right connections. None of our Blueboys could solve this one, see if you can



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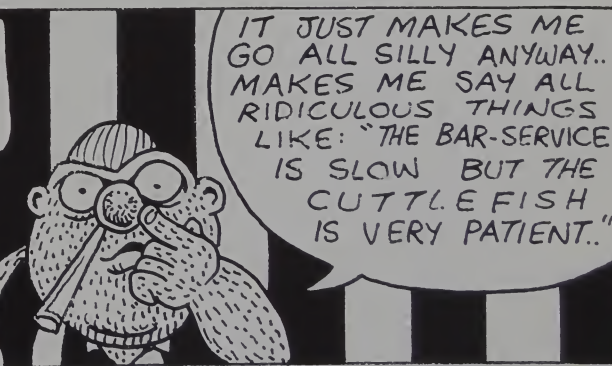
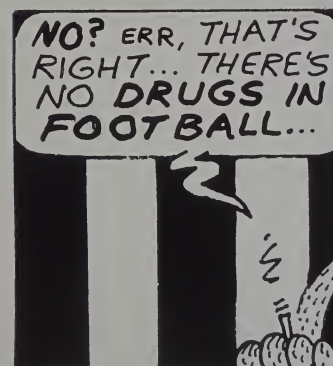
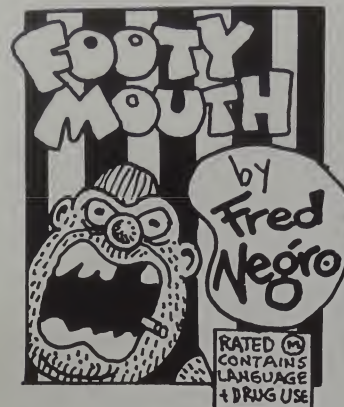
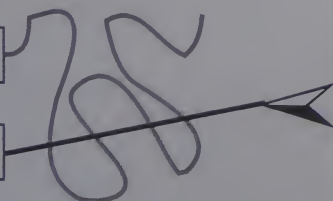
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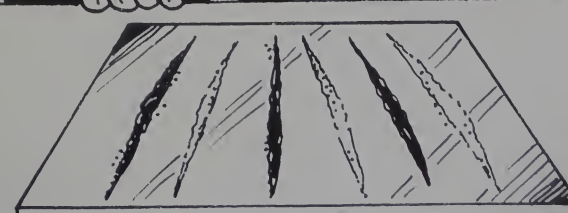
Matthew is only 15 metres out and directly in front. He's going to have a shot. Will he put it through or get the 'yips' and spray it. Follow the spaghetti to find out.

GOAL

YIPS



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We luv ya baby, cos ya go for the Woods